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PATENT
Docket No. 015916-261

Applicant: Bencini

Serial No.: 09/548,465

Filing Date: April 13, 2000

Title: Steerable Device For
Introducing Diagnostic And Therapeutic
Apparatus Into The Body

Group Art Unit: 3763

Examiner: Sirmons

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application:

- Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established.
- A Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- A Petition for Extension of Time and check in the amount of \$110 is enclosed.
- No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For	Number Extra	Small Entity Rate	Add'l. Fee	Standard Rate	Add'l. Fee
TOTAL	48 minus	42 =	6	x \$ 9	\$	x \$ 18	\$108
INDEP.	12 minus	9 =	3	x \$ 43	\$	x \$ 86	\$256
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				TOTAL	\$	TOTAL	\$364

- Please charge my Deposit Account No. 50-0638 the amount of \$. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- A check in the amount of \$364 to cover the fee for additional claims is enclosed.
- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0638. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16.
- Any patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION

DATED DECEMBER 17, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 17, 2003, time for response to which has been extended by the enclosed petition to April 17, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 14 of this paper.

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